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## Sicily's Coastal Defences Crumble After

Few Hours' Fighting: Allied Troops Advancing Inland

# "SUCCESS OF LANDINGS IS ALREADY ASSURED"

—OFFICIAL

"THE SUCCESS OF OUR LANDING IN SICILY IS ALREADY ASSURED," DECLARED A DRAMATIC COMMUNIQUE FROM ALLIED H.Q. BROADCAST BY ALGIERS RADIO LAST NIGHT

The communiqué, which came after more than 15 hours of official silence following the first announcement of the landings, stated:

"In spite of unfavourable weather and a swell off the Sicilian Channel, the Allied landing in Sicily started before dawn and is proceeding according to plan."

"Many beaches and landing places used for these first assaults extended over about 100 miles."

"By about 6 a.m. this (Saturday) morning, under heavy fire from a covering force of cruisers and destroyers, and gunboats and other naval units, every opposition had been countered and the success of our landing was already assured."

"By about 7.30 a.m. our troops were advancing and our artillery was being put ashore. Fighting continues and more troops with their guns, vehicles, stores and equipment are being landed by the Royal and U.S. navies."

"Allied forces have been landed by sea from the Royal, Indian, and the Dutch, Polish and Greek navies are participating in the naval operations."

After this communiqué had been read the Algiers announcer broadcast an Allied Force H.Q. air communiqué which declared:

"In addition to attacking the few aerodromes still being held by the enemy, our heavy, medium and fighter-bombers attacked roads and communications throughout Sicily. Air operations are proceeding according to plan."

### Tough And Eager Troops

All day yesterday British, American and Canadian troops were battling forward from the landing beaches. Under cover of a terrific bombardment from British and U.S. battleships and cruisers, the tough, trained-to-the-minute, superbly-equipped, high-spirited soldiers of the Old World and the New had raced forward to the shore.

Wave after wave of landing barges crammed with eager, confident troops, dashed towards the island in safety. There were so many of them that an RAF pilot who flew over the battle area reported: "I have never seen so many ships in my life."

The invasion of the island three hours after landing operations began. He saw behind him a tremendous battle raging.

Behind the first line of defences which the Allied hordes had to storm first, glider-borne and parachute forces were believed to have been landed in a bid to neutralise what remains of the much-bombarded Sicilian airfield.

This report from Reuter's Washington correspondent was one of many unofficial messages reaching London from various parts of the world. Of official news there was none, except the 6 a.m. announcement yesterday from Allied H.Q. in Algiers: "An Allied force, under the command of General Eisenhower, began landing operations on Sicily early this (Saturday) morning."

From Washington, too, came a statement that our invasion forces had landed in at least three areas. The exact scene of the landings has not been specified, although the Italian communiqué spoke of fighting the South-Eastern coastal area.

The first indication that the Allied invaders were making progress was a statement by Algiers Radio that everything was going according to plan. This statement was repeated several times throughout yesterday and last night.

### The Navy's Big Part

The operations, already on a formidable scale, will expand. John Leonard, Reuter's correspondent in the American capital, reported from a reliable source that Allied troops will by far outnumber the 300,000 Axis defenders in Sicily when the Allied High Command completes the transport to the island of all troops destined to reinforce the first landing force.

The Navy was there—in overwhelming force. The Italian fleet showed its face. But so far as is known, there was little naval opposition despite Rome claims that their naval forces were in action on all parts of the Sicilian front.

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Thousands Of Bombs

## SICILIAN COAST AN INFERO

From DONALD COE, B.U.P. Correspondent

Allied Headquarters, Saturday.

THE Sicilian coastline is an inferno, according to reports coming back from the front across the Mediterranean narrows. Thousands of bombs have been dropped on Sicily. Axis positions in the invasion areas until the earth starts and quavers with the weight of the explosions.

Out on sea Allied warships, backing the invaders, hurled salvo after salvo, the shells hitting fortifications until the whole landing zone was a shambles.

But all the carnage without reach of the shells comes a grim reminder that the Axis is beginning to drift, seeing here and there through the hills and among the valleys. The air is filled with torpedoes.

In hundreds of tiny invasion craft, eager men, their faces daubed blue, black and green, sailed into Sicily.

They landed before the first light broke the sky under a curtain of fire from the guns of the German and Italian batteries.

They had trained for this for a long time. Many times they had carried out the same task in practice. Standing on the African shores, one could hear the low rumble of the motors of their landing craft growing louder and louder as they closed in.

**NEW TORPEDO WEAPON**

At first as they landed, the roar of the men in the landing craft but, as they came into the shore, the men, clutching their rifles, leaped out, suddenly clambered up, jumped over the sides of the craft into the sea, and then, with rifles, machine-guns and mortars and ammunition, while sappers went forward to lay minefields to blast holes through the wire for the men.

For this is the type of operation which has now been repeated hundreds of times on the Sicilian shores during the attack this morning.

Landing craft moved inland under the fire of enemy guns, under the smoke of anti-aircraft fire, through rolling clouds of smoke poured out by our small escorting warships.

**Berlin Prepares For The Worst**

Within a few hours of the Allied landings in Sicily, Berlin began to prepare for the worst.

The German High Command would no doubt be vital German spokesman told the Swiss press (quoted by the British United Press). Southern Italy was the objective, not Sicily, they declared.

But the German fashion they claimed that Allied progress had been checked and that all the paratroopers had been wiped out.

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making the assault is being carried out rapidly and efficiently

that "Everything is going according to plan."

And here is what that means:

It means that not only are the initial objectives being attained, but that the stupendous organisation behind the men who are

FIERCE GERMAN ATTACKS HAVE BEEN HURLED

BACK, SAYS MOSCOW

## Hun Spearheads Thrust For Kursk

FIERCE German attacks in some sectors of the Orel-Kursk area were repelled by the Russian troops in heavy fighting yesterday, Moscow Radio said last night. The Nazis were forced back after suffering heavy casualties.

German attack in one sector drove the west, but the Russian line held late yesterday when these forces were driven back with heavy losses.

Elsewhere fierce German attacks in another sector were repelled, and a combined attack by troops and tanks, supported by more than 100 aircraft, was broken up.

German spearheads trying to break towards Kursk and at the same time are making a wide detour towards the north-east to the rear of Orel. The town has not been named, but it is probably 100 miles from Kursk. The rear between Kursk and Verenich, stated Harold King, Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow, last night.

Big tank battles have been rage-

ning in the areas where the Germans have driven in wedges.

German planes and tanks are locked in a fierce battle for a vital town south of Kursk, as the Germans made their final push of their first week. The town has not been named, but it is probably 100 miles from Kursk. The rear between Kursk and Verenich, stated Harold King, Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow, last night.

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**THIRD TIME UNLUCKY**

Soviet mechanised forces repelled the third assault and the Germans were deployed in time to catch German tanks in a heavy cross-fire.

On the second attempt the 20 German tanks were set on fire and the rest turned back.

Then the Germans fought again, this time up again a little further up the line, the Germans repelled again. This time the Germans formed up in third line and attacked again.

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Third time lucky, the Germans repelled again.

Now the Germans had to make another assault, but this time they were beaten off again.

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ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF TRADE

# How to save 9 coupons on UNDIES



"I searched my scrip bag," said Mrs. A. "I had a good many 'bits and pieces' and at the Make-do and Mend class they showed me how to cut knickers from these old scraps of material, joining the gores in different colors."

"I cut down a frock that was too small," said Mrs. B. "Took the top off, you see; put on shoulder straps and shaped the skirt to make cam-knickers. I've got a frock that is going to turn into blouse with knickers attached."

"I've made an old slip like new," said Mrs. C. "It had gone under the arms, so I cut it off at the waist and made a new top by flogging bands of matching material together."

STREET SCENE,  
BERLIN—in the early  
days of Hitlerism.

# A Fine Young German Gentleman!

**I**n the grand old swaggering days . . . alas, how long ago they seem! . . . in the fine old time of Hitler's rise to power, when everything was to be gained and there was nothing to lose, there lived a very fine young gentleman named Horst Wessel. He was accustomed to being regarded as a person of privilege. At that time (in the 1920's) he was about twenty-six years old, and had seen a little service in 1918.

After the fall of the Junkers, having plumped that world in a blood-bath and got the worst of it, started the Hitlerites. In their campaign of pitiless whining, Germany was suffering some of the consequences of Hitler's policies: now sorry we all were for them back in the 1920's and 1930's!

Possibly Hitler himself put it to him to earn a living. The people of the cities of Germany course, he

so he went back to dancing, touring in the most loathsome dens in the town, and living in general on women.

He peddled cocaine and heroin . . . acted as go-between for vicious women, was also said to be a leathsome a character as ever wallowed in the slime of the underworld.

As an underworld ruffian, he came into contact with the Saviors of Germany — the supporters.

Very quickly a cruel-piercing-eyed orator named Hitler, who was hunting for murder in the beer-houses of Munich . . .

met him, and he was given a genial back-slap of a blue hand.

He became a great Fascist movement.

The Hitlerites were the first

recruited from two under-worlds—the underworld of Junkers and common crime.

Consider, for instance, the greatest hero of the Nazi underworld—Horst Wessel, in whose memory the Nazi author is still writing his memoirs.

I think it is a rotten profession for anybody who calls himself a man!

So, Lohmann became first of all, a gigolo. But he won the heart of a rich Argentine woman and married her. This was the term—her enemies too. With these precious stones he set up again as a hero—a super-hero on his own account, and soon ran through the proceeds and died.

He was wiser than Hitler: he knew not to stay in Berlin; he found himself in Hamburg, in the 1920's.

Being something of a scrapper, a boxer of some speed and power, he took to boxing and amateur boxing, at which he lasted about two minutes, for an absolutely stiff right-hand blow to the jaw knocked him out in his first fight;

sake...as his girl-friends could

By  
Piers  
England

kind of manners that enabled him to be at ease in any society: was a good-looking lad, in a crooked, gutter-snipe way. Oh, yes, he was a good lad and decided needed men like Lohmann.

He had to know Goering. Goering in those days was no longer a hero, but a demobilized, third-rate flying officer, who had mad through addiction to drugs and had undertaken to do what he could for Germany.

He was always the gentle, good-natured-looking, hard-drinking, womanizing flying officer who could make an admirable specimen in support of Hitler...a nice specimen, but still full of fifty jokes and six illusions.

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He had to know Goering. Goering in those days was no longer a hero, but a demobilized, third-rate flying officer, who had mad through addiction to drugs and had undertaken to do what he could for Germany.

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Very quickly a cruel-piercing-eyed orator named Hitler, who was hunting for murder in the beer-houses of Munich . . .

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"THEY'LL cheat you yet. These Junkers! Having won half the world by bloody murder, they are going to be beaten in the war, and they'll cry half with tears in their eyes, crying for mercy."

—Warning given to the Allies early in 1918 by Carl Rovenski, German living in Switzerland.

AS IN 1918, SO AGAIN IN 1943!

here as a master of form. Silly, but that is it. Mind if I look upstairs? I know it's silly, but . . .

"Not at all, Sergeant."

"Thinking better, Doctor, these days?"

"I'm not long for this world. Sergeant?"

"On don't say that! Still reading. I see, Ah, it must be a nice thing to be educated. Well, Good night, sir. I'll be off to shake up your cushion."

"No, thank you. Good night, Sir. Good night!"

The sergeant closed his eyes.

Lohmann came at once to his hiding place.

"The old man said: "You are safe, now. You are welcome to stay, but if you want to get me, go after another brother."

"I must forgive me if I am unable to get up," said the Doctor. "I am rather ill."

"There has been some fighting. I have been shot twice. Some ruffians were attacking some helpless people, old and young. I wanted to help them, and managed to hold off some of the gang. But I had to leave the place, and I could not catch that crook that had killed a man with a revolver."

"I am very much afraid of him," said the Doctor. "I will be safe there. I am quite known about here."

"Ah . . ."

"Is the light enough for you to see?" asked the Doctor. "Go away from me," said the Doctor.

"Thank you, it is perfect. Doctor . . ."

"Not as much as I used to tire me."

"Heavy hoofs sounded outside."

"Hoofs are here," whispered Lohmann.

"Now—under the table," said the Doctor. "Put out your cigarette."

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# LET'S TALK IT OVER

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Look at it how you will, this notable extension of combined operations marks a new phase in the war. It is indeed the growing might of the United Nations into sharp focus.

In "Man o' the People" to "talk over" the actual progress of the fighting with his readers, we refer to the news that the heart-sinking threat remaining in Europe has opened a second front in Europe: that Italy, who dealt her traitor's blow to us, has been prostrate and our cause seemed well-nigh lost is now forced to determine and that our comrades in Russia, engaged once more in furious battle, have the reason of our power and active co-operation.

**I**n his broadcast to aircraftmen on the eve of the Sicily Invasion, Sir Stafford gave them and every loyal citizen exactly the right lead in the fight against Hitler.

He made it plain that the attack on the Axis Powers must begin in Sicily, and that he implored the workers of Britain to sustain their fighting comrades with all the strength of their hands and skill of their brains.

"The heavier our air attack," said Sir Stafford, "the harder we will be for our armies and navies and the lighter will be our casualties." We must "do our best to the utmost to achieve speedy and final victory."

That is profoundly true. This is no time for any civilian to stand upon his dignity or be led into a sense of complacency. Absentmindedness is very like desertion in face of the enemy. Unashamedly let us all do our bit. Stalingrad they are now challenging fate for the third time on equal terms.

They are attacking with immense force and throwing into the battle all the resources of our own manpower, armour and air strength to protect their interests.

That should be enough for any man or woman in the country to make.

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## FORD "WINGS FOR VICTORY" WEEK FIGURES

For "Wings" week Ford employees contributed the remarkable total of £68,728—enough to pay for 14 Spitfires. Originally aiming at a 93% membership of regular subscribers, the Ford War Savings Groups have already attained that objective. The figure now stands at 95%. They have set themselves a new target of 100%, and are aiming at saving £1,000,000 by Christmas. Ford employees are assuredly living up to their slogan... "Savings are second only to Production."



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## "Man o' The People" Writes on "Things That Matter"

### To You and Me



COMBINED OPERATIONS

A typical British soldier in full invasion kit.

times like these. For our comrades in the Services have earned a special upsurge of courage. All their endurance and fortitude will be tested and may be tested to the highest point ever before.

Their lives depend to a large extent upon us. We must defend them. We must stretch ourselves to the utmost."

**O**UR increasing success against enemy submarines has done a great deal to improve our prospects in all amphibious operations. The Germans themselves have been compelled to admit this success, and the D-Day crews must be beginning now to make a voyage in a coffin ship.

The figures of losses for last month, however, still refer to the dauntless Russians in higher than ever.

This will be hoped, spare the public on both sides of the Atlantic—all in off or out of it, in uniform or in civvies, who used to make a voyage a cocksure.

Moreover, we can now count on the confidence of our allies.

Let us hope that the pressure in Russia will be gained by alterations to the state of things there.

Nothing is to be gained by alterations to the state of things there.

It is the right thing to do.

But the Nazi's increasing

warnings in any sphere of war activity. All that the public asks is to be told what the authorities can safely release, and to be given it with no unnecessary delay.

★

**B**EFORE this war started, the Nazis believed that even if they had to go to war, any and every effort could gain them victory by paying enough for it in blood and iron.

We have seen that claim.

For any second front in Far East. The front is there for us.

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

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## ERNIE BEVIN NEVER FORGETS!

HUSBANDS (in Court)

JULY 10th is my birthday; but only Mr. Bevin and I seem to have it.

I work farther away from home and my wife wants extra for having to get up earlier to carry my breakfast.

When I asked my father what kind of girl he thought I should marry, he said, "Any boy, your experience at home should tell you to choose one who is dumb."

When I asked him if I was a success, he said, "I mean of course that I mean of course, but my wife said: 'Yes, I have noticed that every time we meet a pretty woman...'"

AND WIVES  
MY WIFE is always losing M<sub>y</sub> things, so it would not be strange to him to lose me.

My husband's one good point is that all our marriage life he has never given me every penny he earns.

We started to fight as men do in the ring; but we soon reverted to type, pulled each other's hair.

## EISENHOWER'S BUSY NIGHT

### He Rubbed Old Coins For Luck

From EDWARD GILLING,  
Representing the Combined British Press

Algers, Saturday.

AS THE ALLIED INVASION FLEET APPROACHED A SICILY LAST NIGHT, GENERAL EISENHOWER, ALLIED C.-IN-C., GAVE SEVEN OLD COINS WHICH HE ALWAYS CARRIES IN HIS POCKET A GOOD RUB FOR LUCK.

In fact, as one of his aides said, he gave them several good rubs. The coins include a gold five-franc piece.

In the early hours of this morning the General heard that the landing had been made and everything was going well.

General Eisenhower spent all night at headquarters except for one short nap. He had been up to the coast with a small party of his staff to watch the Allied air strike.

Clutching out of his ear, he stood in the moonlight with hand raised to salute as the armada was approaching.

Returning to his headquarters, General Eisenhower went at once to the naval section, where he joined his staff in following closely the progress of the operations.

He spent some time in the Fighter Command room, from now amount to £155,000.

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## FOOD PROBLEMS THAT READY-TO-EAT CEREALS HELP TO SOLVE

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## PALMOLIVE

## SEX MORALITY AND HONESTY COLLAPSING'

A CALL to men to resist the present "really alarming collapse of honesty and sex morality" was made yesterday by Dr. Temple, Archishop of Canterbury.

"It used to be said that an Englishman's word is his bond," said the Primate. "We take it as a clear sign of the corruption of the Italian people when goods could not be had in their places of railway trains."

But what we despise in our neighbours is now to be observed among ourselves.

There is a danger that we may win the war and be unfit to use the victory."

During the "blitz" reached here a meeting for men only, held at Central Hall Westminster, by the Central Council of Men's Societies.

After the war, Mr. said, "we shall all be extremely tired and weary, and we must expect, unless we successfully guard against it, a great individual family class and nation."

Along with this there will be a moral relaxation from the restraints and discipline of war-time."

He surveyed the moral situation of the country today, they found two apparently contradictory findings.

In respect of endurance, mutual helpfulness and constancy which

during the "blitz" reached heroic proportions, the morale of the country was magnificent.

Against that was a really almost universal aspect of sex morality.

"I am sure," the Primate went on, "that it is not our primary duty to be talking constantly about the evil of the prevailing dishonesty and corruption."

Even the every bit of cheating, tends to undermine the principles of respect for one another's personal and mutual confidence, and is treachery to our cause."

**PASSING AMUSEMENT.**

It is just the same with sex relationships. To use that function as an opportunity of passing amusement, always to be a plaything for another person as a plaything or a toy. That is destructive of the freedom we are fighting to maintain.

This is nothing nasty about sex. There is nothing wrong that should not be spoken of in a natural and matter-of-fact way, but there is something that deserves respect and even with reverence because it is in the means by which men serve God that we expect the act on behalf of God in the creation of his children.

Sexual is not the only sort of pride that is kind of pride, the supreme sin and the fountain-head of all the others is pride, not humility.

But if we let this function be used for our pleasure and not for the mutual love we are feeling, the most splendid thing in the world."

**RESIST!**

The Primate called on all Christians to call on their fellow-countrymen who do not join us in confessing allegiance to Christ, to seek in the name of Jesus.

At the same time, he said, we must not be afraid to follow him.

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## Luftwaffe Forced To Fight On Three Fronts

# HOME RAF STARTS UP BIG OFFENSIVE

BY OUR AIR CORRESPONDENT

## 'ATTACK ON SALONIKA IS COMING'

By a Diplomatic Correspondent

**A**XIS forces in the Balkans are in desperate haste to Salónica in expectation of an Allied landing there, according to news received yesterday from Ankara.

Two events have increased the tension in the enemy camp. The Tarn-Syrian border was closed again yesterday, presumably to mask Allied troop movements.

2. Telephone communication between Turkey and Bulgaria has been suspended since June 1.

These mysterious moves, following on Axis reports of Allied bombardments of British ports in the Mediterranean, have caused panic in Salónica and a spate of invasion rumours.

All reserve officers in Bulgaria and most of the Bulgarian and German troops have been recalled to man the Salónica front.

Axis circles expect the Allies to use airborne troops on a large scale.

According to sources which have hitherto proved reliable, the Axis has been in touch in recent days, inclusive of air and naval forces,

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While Allied troops were opening their great offensive against the Axis "under-belly" in Sicily, our home-based RAF yesterday opened a terrible onslaught against the enemy's "topside" in Northern Europe.

Not long after our big bombers had returned from another "hot" heavy raid on the Central Front, great formations of Allied planes crossed the Continent to keep up the offensive.

With after waves of aircraft, mostly flying at 20,000 ft., roared over the Folkestone district towards France, the last was the heaviest, and the heat of the engines was unbroken for some time.

The main object of the attacks was to beat up the Luftwaffe's air bases in France. Typhoon fighters carried out sweeps over the airfields at Trappes, Cerny, Abbeville, and other bases, and several targets were bombed targets at St. Omer.

Two formations of U.S. Flying Fortresses bombarded the industrial belt at Caen and Abbeville.

The met with fierce opposition, and it was not until the second wave had started that they shot down a considerable number of German planes.

The third formation of U.S. Flying Fortresses had been held up by the Germans, who had already engaged in Russia and the Baltic.

He is being compelled to fight not only a second front, but a third.

The night attack on the Ruhr, which was principally at Gelsenkirchen, six miles east of Essen, would also see the Typhoons taking off again against Allied attacks there.

Yesterday, however, the Fortress crews had to face the lack of enemy opposition.

The second Fortress formation, which had been held up by the Luftwaffe well enough, was soon

attacked by the night fighters, but results of the raid, one crew reported, that the glow of many fires was reflected on the clouds.

Again the RAF losses were light.

In the Cologne area on Thursday night, when 1,600 tons of bombs were dropped, the British aircraft failed to return.

That was the "heavy" raid on Prussia, which was aimed at Berlin.

This sharp diminution in RAF casualties raises the interesting question whether the Germans have already begun to move their defences from the Ruhr to other parts of Germany.

Colour is lent to this theory by the fact that in the afternoon on Cologne, the Germans made little position on the way to the target or on the trip home.

The brief raid on Berlin, which was aimed at the heart of the city, was extremely heavy, fewer than 100 tons of bombs were dropped.

They had been frequently targeted, and the RAF's purpose was apparently to "finish the job."

**IMPRESSIVE AIR CANOPY**

The sea was smooth. The moon floodlit the scene as the landing craft trundled their way through the surf, the waves crashing on the enemy coast.

Overhead there was a comforting and impressive air canopy of British fighters.

As the landing craft crept shorewards, the Navy's big guns came to life.

From the gunboats came salvos after salvos of shells. Broadsides were hurled at the enemy's positions, and the first real test of the Axis European defences by combatants was in progress.

Swarming ashore from the landings craft, carrying a rolling barrage from our warships, the Allied troops blazed their way through the beach defences, and with 19-ft. torpedoes. These, carried by two sappers, were thrust into the water, and a splash was a signal for our troops to land.

Judging by the reports brought back, the Allies had won a victory, and the landing points seem to have been secured.

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**FOUNDING FROM THE AIR**

Berlin, describing the landing craft as "the most effective anti-battering and Axis bombing sinker."

Later yesterday the German News Agency claimed that the Allied paratroopers had been repulsed.

It was reported that the landing craft had been captured and the paratroopers had been killed.

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## THAT SICILY FEELING

These exercises over rocky areas were practised by Canadian troops for the invasion yesterday of Sicily.

Mr. Maisky, Soviet Ambassador to Britain, who has gone to Moscow, took with him latest details of the Anglo-U.S. plans for the freeing of Europe, it is believed in Washington.

Further hammer blows from the West and South may coincide with a great Russian counter-offensive. Meanwhile, the Allies' invasion of Sicily proceeds "according to plan."

# Invasion Linked With Soviet Blow

From JOHN LEONARD, Reuter's Special Correspondent

Washington, Saturday.

**T**HE ALLIED INVASION OF SICILY IS GOING AHEAD ACCORDING TO PLAN, FIRST REPORTS REACHING WASHINGTON SAID SOME SIX HOURS AFTER THE OPERATION STARTED.

## GLIDER TROOPS' BID TO GRAB AIRFIELDS

By ROBERT VIVIAN, Reuter's Special Correspondent

Washington, Saturday.

**A**LL indications here support the belief that General Eisenhower is making the first extensive use of his gliderborne troops to capture Sicily.

According to well-informed circles, operations in Sicily will be established on the island's eastern coast to enable the Allies to launch heavier aerial attacks against western and central Italy.

It is believed there that in these operations the Allies will be supported by American paratroops and伞兵 (parachute troops) are endeavouring to establish bases on the island's western coast.

The Allied invasion forces landed in at least three areas on the island.

It is understood that the Allied airborne forces will attempt to neutralise Axis airfields in Sicily and then seize the island's eastern coast.

Tonight, Axis reinforcements are expected to be still arriving from the Italian mainland.

**SARDINIA NEXT?**

General Eisenhower's immediate objective is to capture Sicily, but it is also believed that the Allies will turn their attention to Sardinia.

Italian General DISSAIS, the Italian divisional general, was wounded in Northern Italy yesterday, according to Radio Rome.

General DISSAIS' fate is unknown.

**ITALIAN GENERAL DISSAIS**

Italian divisional general

ALDO RONCONI died suddenly at Cremona, in Northern Italy, yesterday, according to Radio Rome.

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## Allied Troops Are Smashing Inland

Photo: PAUL JONES

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